

Kenosha County Board approves casino pact

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Wednesday, March 16, 2005 - KENOSHA, Wis. (AP) The Kenosha County Board approved an agreement Tuesday regarding the Menominee Nation's proposed \$808 million casino complex at a dog track.

The board's 22-5 vote completed a key step in getting the federal government to hold 223 acres of land at Dairyland Greyhound Park in tribal trust.

"Tonight we will make a decision that is far reaching," said Supervisor Robert Carbone. "This will be good for Kenosha County. The referendum indicated that the public wholeheartedly supports it and it would be foolish to revolt against it."

About 56 percent of Kenosha County voters approved the casino in an advisory referendum last November.

The city of Kenosha approved the agreement last week.

Casino developers then need to seek approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to put the land into tribal trust, before the application goes before Gov. Jim Doyle. The

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Eagles Finish Strong at Sectionals!



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The Menominee Eagles' Meyakenew Kakkak dribbles the ball, in pursue of his 1000 points for his basketball career at Menominee Indian High School.

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The Menominee Eagles boys basketball team made history this season....Thursday, March 10, 2005 the Menominee reservation took a break for one night to watch their home team, the Menominee Eagles, play against Amherst in the Sectionals semi-finals. The bleachers were packed air tight with hometown support. The game was held at the Antigo

High School and began at 7pm.

Before the game started the radio commentators announced that Menominee's Meyakenew Kakkak was only 8 points shy of 1000 points for his career at Menominee Indian.

To start the game off was Menominee's Danny Peters tipping off against Amherst's Chris Paige. The first quarter of the game started off with an exciting 5 to 1 lead for Menominee. Amherst answered back to tie the game with only 1:40 left in

the first quarter. The two teams seem to have been evenly matched. The end of the first quarter ended Amherst 10 and Menominee Indian 6.

The second quarter was a huge one for Menominee's Meyakenew Kakkak. With Menominee leading 13-10, middle second quarter, the sports announcer, "Kakkak now only one point away from 1000, Menominee's ball, Kakkak receives a

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The Easter Bunny visits the Day Care



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Bryce Baller poses happily with the Easter Bunny who came to join the Baby FACE Family Social at the Menominee Day Care on Tuesday, March 22.

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bureau has received part of the application.

Project developer Dennis Troha said the final piece of the application, the environmental impact study, would be completed in late April or early May and sent to the bureau.

Under the intergovernmental agreement approved Tuesday:

- The tribe would pay the local governments 3 percent of the net win for the first eight years of the indefinite agreement. Those payments would increase to 4 percent in the ninth year. The tribe estimates the local governments could receive more than \$521 million over the first 22 years of the pact.

- The governments would receive at least \$1 million annually over the first six years of the agreement and \$2 million each year after that.

- A "re-opener" clause allows for recurring talks between all sides that could lead to renegotiating the payment terms, if all parties agree to do so.

- The tribe will make a \$1.5 million annual donation to the Kenosha Unified School District for the life of the agreement and a one-time \$5 million "charitable" payment to the city and the county.

- The city and county cannot endorse any other casino-style activities in the area when Menominee Nation has the casino.

"Is the agreement perfect? No," said Supervisor James Huff. "But I think it gives us a lot of latitude that we would not have had without it."

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pass from Mike Waupoose, Kakkak fakes a three now drives in and puts up a shot off the glass, Got It!" The crowd went crazy and the announcer began to yell, "There's a thousand! There's a thousand!" In the end of the second quarter Menominee pulled ahead and shutout Amherst with a lead of 17-10 for halftime.

The 3rd quarter Menominee struggled to sink any of their shots. Amherst came out of halftime and in the 3rd quarter rounded up 19 points to lead Menominee 29-25 by the end of the quarter. The fourth and final quarter of the game only gives Menominee Indian 8 more minutes to give it all they got.

The fourth quarter was a heartbreaker for the Menominee Indian Eagles. Menominee Eagles fell behind 35-43. With only 15.6 seconds left in the game, Coach Webster calls time out for the Eagles. During his time out he tells his players how proud he is of them. The Menominee Eagles fell short with the final score of 35-43, but hung in there through out the game and never gave up hope. They really played their hearts out, down until the final seconds of the game.

The Menominee reservation community showed their support for the Eagles boys basketball team by creating numerous signs and decorations and placing them for everyone to view around the reservation. Everyone is very proud of the Eagles boys basketball team's accomplishments this season.

The names of the players of the unforgettable 2005 varsity Menominee Eagles boys basketball team are: Mowa-sa-Beauprey, Jordan Corn, Vincent Grignon Jr., Jamie Guzman, Roman Haack, George Johnson, Kenneth Johnson Jr., Meyakenew Kakkak, Daniel Peters Jr., P-ne-ci Thunder, Aaron Waukau, Alan Waukau, Mike Waupoose. Coach is Robert Webster, Assistant Coach's are Dave Wynos and Brad Nunway.

On March 17, 2005 the Menominee Tribal Legislature showed their support for the Eagles by

honoring them for their hard work and dedication that lead them to achieve accomplishments that made history. The MTL presented the team with a proclamation. The proclamation reads:

Whereas, the Menominee Indian Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with all rights and powers thereto and which acts through its duly constituted governing body, the Tribal Legislature; and

Whereas, the Tribal Legislature is mindful of the customs and traditions of the Tribe which have been time honored; and

Whereas, the Tribal Legislature is charged with continuing a tribal tradition which marks with ceremony the achievements of tribal members who contribute to the greater honor and glory of the Tribe; and

Whereas, the Tribal Legislature commends the Menominee Indian High School Boys Basketball Team, known as the Menominee Eagles, for an outstanding 2004-2005 basketball season by winning the Division C, District 2, WIAA Central Regional Championship; and

Whereas, the Tribal Legislature applauds how the Menominee Eagles proved that discipline, hard work, and training can transcend adversity and contribute to a victorious team; and

Whereas, the Tribal Legislature believes the Menominee Eagles' achievements will go down in tribal history, not just their athleticism, but for how they instilled in the community a deep sense of pride that transcended generations; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed by the Tribal Legislature that it hereby announces with pride that the Menominee Indian High School Boys Basketball team are winners of the hearts and minds of the entire Menominee Tribe for their sportsmanship and the way they played the game, and let the word go forth that these young Menominee basketball players;

Mowa-sa-Beauprey, Jordan Corn, Vincent Grignon Jr., Jamie Guzman, Roman Haack, George Johnson, Kenneth Johnson Jr., Meyakenew Kakkak, Daniel Peters Jr., P-ne-ci Thunder, Aaron Waukau, Alan Waukau, Mike Waupoose,

And their Coaches: Robert Webster, Dave Wynos and Brad Nunway, are to be commended for their outstanding efforts, not only as athletes, but as model members of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

On Tuesday, March 22, 2005 the Menominee Indian High School honored the Boys Basketball team with what is considered to be the highest honor a native american could receive. The boys basketball team and coaches received an eagle feather for their dedication as young warriors. The eagle feathers were presented to them by Richard Waubano Awonohopay.

The Menominee Indian Eagles boys basketball team might not have come back with the win, but they did come back as home town heroes.

This is a submitted article by an unnamed fan:

It was about something more than a basketball game, more than the extraordinary fact that for the first time in school history the Menominee Indian basketball team had made it to the sectional play-offs. It was about our kids.

As I looked down at the court and watched the boys working through practice drills, I wondered what they might be feeling. Surrounded by what had to be a crowd of close to a thousand Menominee fans, (a number we estimated outnumbered the opposition five-to-one), were their nerves jangling with the pressure to perform well in front of what seemed to be the entire reservation population? I pictured the streets of Neopit and Keshena, lit by lonely domes of light, the wind twirling bits of paper in the air, the sound of a dog barking in the distance, confused, wondering where everyone had gone. We, of course were at the game. When I looked at the players I felt my throat close tight with emotion. In this crowd there were mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, cousins and a large group who had just heard that

Menominee had some great ball players. In the end, however, it was all family, Indian way. For us, those boys represented everything that was good and true. They remind us, not long after a time of loss and sorrow, that hope did exist.

Of course, there was a game played that night, one which we did not win in the literal sense; but there are other paths to victory. Amherst, that other team, may have scored more points when the final buzzer came; but the Menominee players were the real winners. In a time when it can be difficult to see past division and tragedy, our boys showed us unity and joy. It is tempting to talk about the individual skill exhibited on the court that night, the exemplary speed and intensity, the pure brawler mentality that would not be denied, the wicked stuffs; but this was about the team, and since most of us were there, we already know. On that night, there was Alan Waukau, Vinny Grignon, Meyakenew Kakkak, Danny Peters, Mike Waupoose, Mike Waupoose, Aaron Waukau, Jamie Guzman, Kenny Johnson, Mowasa Beauprey, Pe-naci Thunder, Roman Haack, and George Johnson. The coach, Robert Webster, and assistants, Dave Wynos and Brad Nunway. They deserve and receive, our deepest gratitude and respect.

They played for us all.